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UPon reading of the Paper Bill (as is humbly conceived) it will appear that the Grant which the new Company would have confirmed, tends to a Monopoly, and is expreſly againſt an Act of Parliament made 21. *Jac.* 1. *Cap.* 3. againſt Monopolies and Diſpenſations whereby (amongſt other things) it was Enacted as followeth.

That all Monopolies and all Commiſſions, Grants, Licenſes, Charters and Letters Patents heretofore made or granted or hereafter to be made or granted to any perſon or perſons bodies Politick or Corporate whatſoever of or for the ſole buying, ſelling, making, working or uſing of any thing within this Realm or the Dominion of Wales, *or of any other Monopolies or of power, liberty or faculty to diſpence with any others, or to give Licenſe or Toleration to do, uſe or exerciſe any thing againſt the tenour or purport of any Law or Statute, or to give or make any Warrant for any ſuch Diſpenſation, Licenſe or Toleration to be had or made.* And then follows other Matters. After which, *And all other matters and things whatſoever any way tending to the inſtituting, erecting, ſtrengthning, furthering or countenancing of the ſame or any of them, are altogether contrary to the Lawes of this Realm, and ſo are and ſhall be utterly void and of none effect and in no wiſe to be put in ure or execution.* In another Paragraph.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all perſon and perſons, bodies politick and corporate whatſoever, which now are or hereafter ſhall be, ſhall ſtand and be diſabled and incapable to have, uſe, exerciſe or put in ure any Monopoly or any ſuch Commiſſion, Grant, Licenſe, Charter, Letters Patents, Proclamations, Inhibitions, Reſtraint, Warrant of Aſſiſtance, or other matter or thing tending as aforeſaid, or any liberty, power or faculty, grounded or pretended to be grounded upon them or any of them.

This with the further Conſideration, that Mr. *Burnaby* and Mr. *Hagar* (beſides Sir *John Spelman* mentioned in the Paper-Sellers Caſe) have had Patents at ſeveral times for the making of White, Writing and Printing Paper, and that the ſame hath been an Antient *Engliſh* Manufacture, and the making thereof a ſettled Trade in this Kingdom, and by many now uſed and exerciſed; and alſo the exceeding ill Conſequences the Paper Bill may be to the publick, the New Company having opportunity thereby to raiſe and advance White, Writing and Printing Paper to Exceſſive Prizes, is by the Paper-makers with all ſubmiſſion offered to the Conſideration of this preſent Parliament, the ſaid Paper-makers being very ſenſible that your Honours can alter repeal and make Lawes as in your great Wiſdom ſhall be thought fit, but do humbly and earneſtly beſeech that the ſaid Paper Bill ſo repugnant to the before-cited Statute which by many years experience hath been found to be for the preſervation and ſecurity of all free and open Trades in this Kingdom may not paſs into a Law, to the ruine of more than a Thouſand Families now depending upon the Manufacture of White, Writing and Printing Paper.